

## **Oil Pollution Act (OPA)**



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## Topic Area: Oil Pollution Act

### Action Item

*Identify the types and characteristics of oil storage facilities most likely to be located in poor or minority areas.*

### Office of Emergency and Remedial Response

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The Oil Pollution program is conducting a statistical survey of approximately 30,000 oil storage facilities across the nation. Combining the survey results with county census data will enable EPA to identify the types and characteristics of oil storage facilities most likely to be located in poor or minority areas.

The Office of Emergency and Remedial Response (OERR) expects to complete development of a full survey questionnaire in the early spring of 1995. The full survey instrument will be distributed to recipient facilities nationwide. OERR will complete the survey and begin analysis of survey data linked to census data to be completed by summer 1996. Through this effort the Oil Pollution program will characterize the number and types of facilities located near minority and low-income communities.

#### Completed Milestones

1/95      Analyzed and completed pilot phase of survey.

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### Region 7

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Region 7 has analyzed census data and identified the high priority counties that may have environmental justice concerns. The list of oil pollution facilities needing inspections has been prioritized against the census data.

#### Completed Milestones

12/94      Completed a list of facilities.

1/95      Converted addresses and prioritized the inspection list.

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### Action Item

*Target inspections and enforcement activities in communities with environmental justice concerns.*

## Region 1

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Region 1's Environmental Justice Enforcement Plan is to triple the number of inspections in areas with environmental justice concerns. The Region has completed six inspections in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island. Additional inspections are planned for 1995.

### **Completed Milestones**

5/94          Completed 8 inspections in areas with environmental justice concerns.

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## Region 2

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During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 1994 and the first quarter of fiscal year 1995, the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) program has conducted 19 SPCC inspections in areas with environmental justice concerns. Of the 19 inspections, 4 were inspected as part of consolidated multi-media inspections. The SPCC program is planning to conduct 200 inspections by the end of this fiscal year, and is targeting facilities located in communities with environmental justice concerns. It is expected that the SPCC program will meet or exceed the 30 percent figure for inspections conducted in environmental justice areas given in the "OSWER Environmental Justice Draft Final Report."

### **Completed Milestones**

1994-1995   Conducted 19 SPCC inspections.

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## Region 6

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The industrial corridor along the Mississippi River from Baton Rouge to New Orleans, Louisiana, contains a large number of petrochemical transportation, storage, and processing facilities, and subsequently, receives a significant portion of the oil spill prevention and response efforts of Region 6. The Region reviewed a list of regulated facilities and conducted a preliminary review of spill plans. A list of all facilities subject to the requirements of the Oil Pollution Act (OPA) will be developed, and all Facility Review Plans (FRPs) will be reviewed for compliance.

### **Completed Milestones**

9/94          Completed facility reviews.

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## Region 7

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Region 7 has analyzed census data and has identified the high priority counties that may have environmental justice concerns. Inspections will first be conducted in the counties with possible environmental justice concerns.

### Completed Milestones

1/95          Analyzed the census data and identified high priority counties.

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## Region 9

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Region 9 compared an initial sample of 16 inspections conducted in fiscal year 1995 to census-based targeting criteria. To date, Region 9 has completed 13 percent of the inspections in areas with potential environmental justice concerns that met both economic and ethnic criteria. The Region conducted 50 percent of the inspections in areas that met the economic criteria.

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